

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE  
CHARLES I. HUDSON

**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2004*

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of an extraordinary man who made a tremendous impact on my life and the lives of so many in Louisiana. State Representative Charles "Doc" Hudson, educator, statesman, businessman, husband, parent, pioneer, friend and mentor, passed away May 7, 2004, at the age of 72 in Opelousas, Louisiana.

Dr. Hudson began his life in public service as the first African-American elected to the Opelousas Board of Aldermen, where he served for ten years. He went on to become the first African-American to serve a four-year term as deputy secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and the first African-American mayor pro tempore of Opelousas. In 1991, he became the first African-American from St. Landry Parish to be elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives, a position he held until his death.

However, it is impossible to describe Doc by simply enumerating the positions he held. Anyone who knew him knew of his zealous commitment to education. As an accomplished student himself, he valued knowledge more than anything. In 1999, he gained national prominence when he introduced a bill in the Louisiana Legislature requiring students to show respect to teachers and school personnel.

Doc himself was an incredible teacher. Having spent four years serving with him in the Louisiana Legislature, I can personally attest that he was a tremendous mentor for young politicians. He was never too busy to talk to someone, spend time with them, listen to their problems, and give them advice. I could always count on his honest opinion and he always kept his word.

Doc was also a steadfast supporter of his fellow public servants. When I hosted events in his area, Doc was always there; and while he fervently upheld his Democratic ideals, he never had a bad word to say against anyone of a different opinion.

With the passing of Dr. Hudson, Louisiana loses a civil rights pioneer and one of its strongest education advocates. I mourn the loss of my friend and am sorry for the legislators who will not be able to benefit from his guidance and wisdom. To his family, I express my most sincere condolences; and while so many are saddened by this tragic loss, I am confident that southwest Louisiana is a better place to live because of his influence and efforts. He will be remembered fondly by those who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL  
JOHN A. "ANDY" LOVE

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2004*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a truly extraordinary

gentleman, Major General John A. "Andy" Love.

General Love has proudly served the United States and is retiring on May 21, 2004 to civilian life from a stellar 36 year career in the Colorado Air National Guard.

Andy Love earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1967 from Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado in Political Science. After that, Andy joined the Colorado Air National Guard. He did undergraduate work in pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, in Arizona, where he earned his pilots wings and became a Squadron Fighter Pilot who has over 2,500 hours in the F100, A-7 and F-16.

Andy served in many capacities for many years at Buckley Air National Guard Base in Colorado and eventually became the Vice Commander of the 140th Fighter Wing, then on to Deputy Commander for Operations. Soon after that he became the Assistant Adjutant General to the Air National Guard unit at Buckley. In September 2000, Andy became the Assistant to the Commander of Air Force Space Command, which required a move from Buckley to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. In April 2003, General Love was promoted to the position from which he now retires as the Assistant, for National Guard Matters, to the Commander of NORAD/USNORTHCOM (North American Aerospace Defense Command/US Northern Command).

Major General Love has much to be proud of in his extensive military career, but also for the many awards and decorations he's received, including: Legion of Merit Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Colorado Meritorious Service Medal, Active Service Ribbon, Foreign Deployment Service Ribbon, Colorado State Emergency Ribbon, Mobilization Support Ribbon, and Colorado Long Service Ribbon.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Major General John A. "Andy" Love on his successful military career, and thanking him for his years of service to a grateful Nation.

As an alumnus of Colorado State University myself, and now representing CSU in the United States Congress, I have had a determined interest in CSU's mission to benefit our great State. I am proud to know that the tradition and excellence synonymous to Colorado State University will be carried on through the dedicated work of Dr. Larry E. Penley.

TRIBUTE TO MS. PEG BOSTWICK

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of a constituent in Michigan's Eighth Congressional District, Ms. Peg Bostwick. Ms. Bostwick has served the State of Michigan for the past 15 years as the 404 Federal Program Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). During her time at the Michigan DEQ, Ms. Bostwick has been a tireless

advocate for wetlands protection and funding for wetlands research.

On Thursday, May 20, 2004, Ms. Bostwick will be honored for her work by the Environmental Law Institute as a part of the 2004 Wetlands Awards. As the recipient of the award for State, Tribal and Local Development, Ms. Bostwick is being honored in Washington, DC for the outstanding work she has done on behalf of all of us in Michigan.

Peg Bostwick's work on behalf of the State of Michigan has been extensive. She is a knowledgeable leader on wetlands issues, working to ensure that science and government policy work together to promote a healthy environment. Mr. Speaker, Peg Bostwick has committed herself to bettering Michigan's environment. I can think of no greater compliment to her than to say that Michigan's environment is better off because of her efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 11, 2004, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes numbered 153 and 154. Rollcall vote 153 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4299, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 South Jackson Road in Edinburg, Texas, as the "Dr. Miguel A. Nevarez Post Office Building." Rollcall vote 154 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 622, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes numbered 153 and 154.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OTTAWA-GLANDORF HIGH SCHOOL'S DIVISION II STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2004*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Head Coach David Sweet and his Ottawa-Glandorf men's basketball team on the winning of their first State Championship in high school basketball.

The Ottawa-Glandorf High School men's basketball team has worked tirelessly in pursuit of excellence on the basketball court.

The character and team-oriented attitude found on the Ottawa-Glandorf men's basketball team helped the Titans to win the state tournament final over a team with only one season loss.

The Ottawa-Glandorf Titans out-rebounded their opponents 45-25 and defeated them by 33 points in the state title game.

Mr. Speaker, Ottawa-Glandorf's State Championship in Division II high school men's basketball was a school-record twenty-seventh season victory and was their eighteenth consecutive victory.